

Arkansas: Partly cloudy this afternoon; tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers in and after this

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# Winds May Hike Forest Fire Fury; 22 Dead

Portland, Me., Oct. 27.—(AP)—The death toll from disastrous forest fires which were raging in New England alone mounted to 22 today as weary firefighters holding off vicious blazes in check were warned that strong winds may increase the fury of the flames.

As refugees began to trickle homeward in a few areas the Red Cross added 22 to the list of the dead, bringing the state's total to 15. Three others died in Massachusetts and Connecticut and three in Maine. Others injured have been hospitalized in Maine and the list of missing was trimmed to 17.

Flames moving slowly west from Union Falls in southern Maine's York county on the Saco river, were reported confined today within a half a mile of the village of Clarksville.

"Under control," reports came from the groggy army of fire fighters on virtually all other fire zones.

The number of persons finding haven in Red Cross shelters in Maine dropped today for the first

time — to 2,215. A few went home, the Red Cross said, but most of them joined friends and relatives some 500 miles out of state.

After an overnight check in Maine, which suffered \$30,000,000 of the property loss and still was the prime danger spot, the Red Cross also reported:

Eight hundred and fifty-one permanent homes destroyed; 297 cottages destroyed; 76 homes damaged; 58 barns and outbuildings

and 2,500 acres (compared with 2,500 acres burned by the 1990 fire) have blackened 100,000 of the state's 16 million forest acres from the New Hampshire line to the Canadian border.

Meanwhile, Joseph A. P. Flynn, chief of Maine's State Arson division, said it definitely had been that three forest or less.

He added that a juvenile

and been committed to the state school for boys for setting fire to the kind buildings in Wisconsin and that a man was being held at Eau Claire on charges of breaking and entering.

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## Meeting

Twenty-two club members and ten guests attended the banquet at Hotel Grinn Saturday night.

## City Ordinance Found Invalid by High Court

The opinion said the city had not complied with the only legislative grant of power to establish building lines by creating a planning commission and that a 1938 statute authorizing regulation of building "either expressly or implicitly authorized the establishment of building and set-back lines."

The decision affirmed a decree of the Arkansas chancery court in a suit against the city brought by C. W. Strait, owner of property which would be affected by the ordinance.

Main street in Stuttgart is 100 feet wide for approximately three blocks and 82 1/2 feet wide for the other three blocks. The ordinance under attack established a building line 50 feet from the center of the street along the narrow portion.

It was stipulated that the city had not created a planning commission or adopted the procedures set out in act 295 of 1937 which amended act 108 of 1929. The County's contention that the ordinance was valid under authority of act 352 of 1907 which gives cities power to regulate building, razing or removing houses.

The court said, however, that the 1907 statute relates "solely to the kind and character of buildings

...which may be erected and not the location" and added that "we think it is clear that there was no intention on the part of the plaintiff to delegate the power to fix building and set-back lines in the act of 1907."

In deciding that the ordinance is invalid, the court concluded, however, that "the right of the city to widen the street and appropriate the property of plaintiff by the exercise of the power of eminent domain."

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N. S. Oct. 28.—(AP)—The choice Canadian lobster is to be flown across the Atlantic for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, married to Lt. Philip Mountbatten, on Nov. 22. The lobster fishermen, many of whose ancestors were royal chefs, have named their homes by the English King are made